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SUBJ: SURVEY OF NON-HUMAN PRIMATE POPULATIONS IN
BANGLADESH

1. AFTER INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIONS, IT APPEARS BEST TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS FOR THE SUBJECT SURVEY THROUGH A CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH(NIH) TO THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY. TEXT OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT IS TRANSMITTED AT THE END OF THIS MESSAGE.

2. NIH IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATING THE CONTRACT WITH HOPKINS. HOWEVER, BEFORE SIGNING THE CONTRACT, NIH MUST HAVE (1) CONCURRENCE OF THE BANGLADESH MINISTRY OF FORESTS, FISHERIES, AND LIVESTOCK(FF AND L) IN THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS, AND (2) AN INDICATION FROM FF AND L THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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AHY PRIMATES EXPORTED WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS FIRST PRIORITY TO PROJECTS DESIGNATED BY NIH. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER FF AND L IS IN ACCORD WITH THESE TWO POINTS.

3. IF FF AND L HAS RESERVATIONS OR WOULD LIKE MODIFICATION IN TERMS OF THE HOPKINS CONTRACT, PLEASE ADVISE PROMPTLY. ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE SO LONG AS BASIC OBJECTIVES ARE MAINTAINED.

4. COMMENT. NIH SCIENTISTS POINT OUT THAT THIS MATTER

MUST BE DECIDED PROMPTLY IF FIELD WORK IS TO BE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO 1977 MONSOONS.

5. TEXT OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE CONTRACTOR WILL CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF THE NON-HUMAN PRIMATE POPULATION OF BANGLADESH. THE SURVEY WILL BE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN AS ACCURATE AN ESTIMATE OF THE SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NON-HUMAN PRIMATE POPULATION WITHIN ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL TRAPPING AREAS OF

BANGLADESH AS IS POSSIBLE. THE DERIVED INFORMATION WILL PROVIDE A RATIONAL BASIS FOR LIMITING TRAPPING ACTIVITIES TO A LEVEL THAT WILL INSURE A SUSTAINED YIELD AND NOT ENDANGER THE CONTINUED SURVIVAL OF THE NON-HUMAN PRIMATE BREEDING POPULATION WITHIN BANGLADESH. THE SURVEY WILL ENCOMPASS RESERVE FOREST AREAS IN MYMENSINGH, SYLHET, CHITTAGONG, COX'S BAZAAR, THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS, AND THE SUNDARBANS AND THE UNCLASSIFIED STATE FORESTS ABUTTING THESE RESERVE FOREST AREAS. THE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TWO PHASES. THE FIRST PHASE WILL BE A PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS DURATION THAT WILL BE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE RAINY SEASON IN 1977. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE INITIAL ZOOGRAPHIC, TOPOGRAPHIC, AND LOGISTICAL INFORMATION THAT IS REQUIRED TO FORMULATE DETAILED UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANS FOR THE SECOND PHASE, SUCH INFORMATION WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING (1) DETERMINATION OF THE EXTENT AND LOCATION OF FOREST AND OTHER NON-HUMAN PRIMATE HABITATS; AND (2) CARRYING OUT LIMITED SURVEYS THAT WILL PROVIDE EARLY GUIDANCE ON WHAT LIMITS SHOULD BE PLACED ON TRAPPING OF RHESUS MONKEYS DURING 1977. EFFORT WILL ALSO BE MADE DURING THE FIRST PHASE TO PURCHASE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, RECRUIT SURVEY TEAM MEMBERS, AND COMPLETE OTHER NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL FACILITATE TIMELY COMMENCEMENT OF THE SURVEY'S SECOND PHASE. THE SECOND PHASE WILL BE CONDUCTED FOLLOWING THE 1977 RAINY SEASON AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN LESS THAN SIX MONTHS. IN THE SECOND PHASE, ESTIMATES OF NON-HUMAN POPULATIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY DEFINITIVE FIELD STUDIES. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SECOND PHASE WILL BE TO OBTAIN A NON-HUMAN PRIMATE POPULATION ESTIMATE BASED ON A ONE PERCENT AREA SURVEY OF TRAPPABLE FOREST AREAS THAT HAS A 95 PERCENT PROBABILITY OF BEING WITHIN PLUS OR MINUS 20 PERCENT OF THE ESTIMATED POPULATION MEAN. IN ADDITION TO THE ONE PERCENT SURVEY OF THE TRAPPABLE FOREST AREAS, COUNTS WILL BE MADE AT A NUMBER OF SELECTED SITES TO OBTAIN THE POPULATION VARIANCE IN TROOP SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND FREQUENCY PER SQUARE KILOMETER. IN THE SUNDARBANS THE INACCESSIBILITY OF INLAND AREAS MAY NECESSITATE

SHORELINE SURVEYS RESULTING IN A CENSUS WHICH IS LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE FOREST AREAS. HOWEVER, ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO DO LAND SURVEYS IF POSSIBLE. DATA WILL BE ANALYZED TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATION OF POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THE PURPOSES OF THE PROJECT.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL TRAIN DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE POSITION OF SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER IN THE FF AND L DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, WILDLIFE CIRCLE, WHO WILL ASSIST IN CONDUCTING THE SURVEY. THE TRAINING WILL ENABLE THIS INDIVIDUAL TO DIRECT PRIMATE SURVEYS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ANALYZE DATA SO THAT THE FF AND L WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE MONITORING AND MANAGING PRIMATE RESOURCES WITHIN BANGLADESH AFTER COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY. FOUR BANGLADESHI FOREST RANGERS, OR INDIVIDUALS WITH EQUAL OR GREATER EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, AND DEDICATION TO A FIELD CAREER IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT WILL ALSO BE TRAINED IN SURVEY TECHNOLOGY AND ASSIST IN CONDUCTING THE SURVEY. TRAINING WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARDS ENABLING THESE INDIVIDUALS TO FUNCTION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FF AND L SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER IN MONITORING THE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF TRAPPING ON NON-HUMAN PRIMATE POPULATIONS IN BANGLADESH AND TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL SURVEYS IN BANGLADESH AS MAY BE INDICATED. THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER AND THE FOUR FOREST RANGERS WILL BE SELECTED IN CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, WILDLIFE CIRCLE, AND THE CONTRACTOR. THE CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE THE FINAL DECISION IN SELECTING INDIVIDUALS FOR TRAINING.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL HIRE AND PAY THE SALARIES OF ALL PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY EXCEPT THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ALREADY EMPLOYEES OF THE FF AND L. INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYEES OF THE FF AND L ARE THE FOUR FOREST RANGERS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED FOR TRAINING BY THE FF AND L ARMED GUARDS THAT MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE SUNDARBANS AREA. THE CONTRACTOR WILL ALSO PAY THE SALARY OF THE SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER CANDIDATE PROVIDED HE IS NOT ALREADY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FF AND L. SALARIES AND SEVERANCE PAY FOR BANGLADESHI NATIONALS WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE CONTRACTOR AT LEVELS THAT ARE REASONABLE AND IN GENERAL CORRESPOND TO THOSE PAID BY GOVERNMENT OR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN BANGLADESH. PERSONNEL HIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE SURVEY SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CONTRACTOR, WHO WILL HAVE COMPLETE AUTHORITY IN PERSONNEL ACTIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY. IT IS ANTICIPATED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE SURVEY WILL REQUIRE ONE U.S. SCIENTIST FOR THE FIRST PHASE AND UP TO THREE U.S. SCIENTISTS FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SURVEY. BANGLADESHI MEMBERS OF THE SURVEY TEAM ARE EXPECTED TO CONSIST OF THE SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER CANDIDATE FOUR FF AND L RANGERS (CLASS 1 OR EQUIVALENT), UP TO 12 LABORERS, A DRIVER FOR EACH VEHICLE, AND UP TO SIX ARMED GUARDS FOR WORK THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE SUNDARBANS.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL PAY FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND ALLOWANCES INCIDENT TO THE SURVEY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LAUNCHES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE FF AND L. SUCH COSTS WILL INCLUDE VEHICLE PURCHASES, SPARE PARTS, REPAIR, PETROLEUM-OILS-LUBRICANTS CONSUMED, VEHICLE RENTAL FEES, CHARGES FOR COMMON CARRIERS, AND PERSONNEL ALLOWANCES. PERSONNEL ALLOWANCES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH BANGLADESH MEMBER OF THE SURVEY TEAM AT LEVELS THAT ARE REASONABLE AND IN GENERAL CORRESPOND TO THOSE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT OR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN BANGLADESH.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL PURCHASE OR PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE SURVEY. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE UP TO THREE FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES (JEEP CJ-15 OR EQUIVALENT), AND ONE OUTBOARD PROPELLED BOAT (16 FOOT POSTON HALER OR EQUIVALENT WITH TWO OUTBOARD ENGINE" UP TO 40 HORSEPOWER) AND A TRAILER FOR TRANSPORTING THE BOAT. OTHER NECESSARY EQUIPMENT IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE BINOCULARS, HAND COUNTERS, NECESSARY SPARE PARTS, CAMPING EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, AND OFFICE OR COMPUTATIONAL INSTRUMENTS. EQUIPMENT WILL BE PURCHASED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND DISPOSED OF AT THE COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NIH IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE REGULATIONS.

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THE CONTRACTOR WILL PRESENT AND OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE SURVEY PLAN FROM THE FF AND L AND WILL COORDINATE AND MAKE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FF AND L AND OTHER AGENCIES OF THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT THAT ARE NECESSARY TO

ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THE SURVEY. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WILL INCLUDE:

A. SEEKING ASSURANCE FROM THE FF AND L THAT A POSITION WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR A SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER TO HANDLE THE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRIMATE POPULATION PROGRAM UNDER THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

WILDLIFE CIRCLE. THE MAIN DUTIES OF THE SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER WOULD BE TO PLAN AND SUPERVISE THE ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE FOREST RANGERS AND OTHER FORESTRY STAFF RELATIVE TO THE PROGRAM, RECEIVE AND ANALYZE DATA GATHERED IN PERIODIC SURVEYS AND FROM FF AND L OR COMMERCIAL TRAPPING TEAMS, AND TO PROVIDE FACTUAL INFORMATION UPON WHICH PERIODIC POLICY DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AT HIGHER LEVELS. THE FF AND L IS EXPECTED TO RECOMMEND SUITABLE INDIVIDUALS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE SURVEY TEAM.

B. OBTAINING LAUNCHES WHEN POSSIBLE FROM THE FF AND L AT NO EXPENSE FOR CARRYING OUT SURVEY ACTIVITIES IN AREAS WHERE SUCH LAUNCHES MAY BE REQUIRED. THE CONTRACTOR WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SCHEDULE THE USE OF THESE LAUNCHES IN A TIMELY MANNER.

C. OBTAINING THE MAPS, FOREST WORKING PLANS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE SURVEY TERRAIN AND SURVEY PLANNING THAT THE FF AND L HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE.

D. UTILIZING THE ASSISTANCE THAT HAS BEEN OFFERED BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FF AND L FOR OBTAINING LOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE SURVEY TEAM. SUCH ASSISTANCE INCLUDES OBTAINING LAUNCHES, LOCATING ACCOMMODATIONS, PROVIDING SCOUT SUPPORT, FURNISHING INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL WILDLIFE AND FOREST CONDITIONS, AND PROCURING LABORERS AND EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES.

E. SEEKING ASSURANCE FROM THE FF AND L THAT TRAPPING OF NON-HUMAN PRIMATES IS NOT PERMITTED IN SURVEY AREAS UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY.

F. SECURING INDEMNIFICATION FROM THE FF AND L TO PROTECT THE CONTRACTOR AND HIS EMPLOYEES AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS THAT MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST SURVEY PERSONNEL ARISING DIRECTLY FROM THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES. THIS INDEMNIFICATION WILL NOT APPLY IN THE CASE OF NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFULLY WRONGFUL ACTS ON THE PART OF THE CONTRACTOR OR HIS PERSONNEL.

G. SECURING AGREEMENT WITH THE FF AND L REGARDING THE CONDITIONS AND TERMS BY WHICH THE SURVEY MAY BE TERMINATED FOR CONVENIENCE OR CAUSE AND POSSIBLE DISPUTES ARBITRATED BY A THIRD PARTY SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

H. SECURING AGREEMENT WITH THE FF AND L REGARDING HOW THE SURVEY PLAN MAY BE ALTERED TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE SCOPE AND DESIGN OF THE SURVEY OR CHANGES IN THE SERVICES PROVIDED.

I. OBTAINING ENTRY VISAS, RESIDENCE PERMITS, AND CLEAR-

ANCES AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT LAW FOR NON BANGLADESHI
SURVEY PERSONNEL THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT
OF THE SURVEY. THE FF AND L HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE
ASSISTANCE IN SUCH MATTERS AS WELL AS ASSISTING SURVEY
PERSONNEL IN COMPLYING WITH ANY LAWS OR REGULATIONS
AFFECTING FOREIGNERS IN BANGLADESH.
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J. SEEKING EXEMPTION FROM DUTIES AND TAXES THE PROPERTY
THAT WILL BE IMPORTED INTO OR PURCHASED WITHIN BANGLADESH
FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY AND THE INCOMES OF NON-BANGLA-
DESHI SURVEY PERSONNEL.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL BEGIN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SURVEY
NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE TIME THE FF AND L
APPROVES THE SURVEY PLAN UNLESS THE ANTICIPATED
COMMENCEMENT OF THE RAINY SEASON PRECLUDES COMPLETION OF
THE PRELIMINARY SURVEY. THE SECOND PHASE WILL BEGIN NO
LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 1977, AND BE COMPLETED NO LATER
THAN APRIL 1, 1978, PROVIDED THE FIRST PHASE IS COMPLETED
BY JUNE 1, 1977. SHOULD THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON
PRECLUDE COMPLETION OF THE PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY JUNE 1,
1977, THE SURVEY MAY BE EXTENDED UP TO ONE YEAR
(APRIL 1, 1979).

THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ARE: THE CONTRACTOR WILL
PROVIDE THE NIH WITH FIRST PHASE AND A FINAL REPORT IN
10 COPIES WITHIN 60 DAYS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF PHASE 2.
THE CONTRACTOR WILL ALSO PREPARE A SURVEY MANUAL
WHICH DESCRIBES THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED FOR CONDUCTING
INITIAL AND ONGOING SURVEYS OF NON-HUMAN PRIMATES IN
BANGLADESH, ANALYZING AND EVALUATING FIELD SURVEY DATA,
DETERMINING NON-HUMAN PRIMATE TAXONOMIC CLASSIFICATION,
AND APPROPRIATE TERMINOLOGY. TWENTY (20) COPIES OF THE
MANUAL WILL BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FINAL REPORT. END OF
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